

SENATE BILL 2920

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 17, relative to election contests.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-17-104, is amended by deleting it in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Any candidate may contest the primary election of the candidate's party for the office for which that person was a candidate.

(b) To institute a contest, the candidate shall, within five (5) days after the certification of results by the county election commission, file a written notice of contest with the secretary of state, the state primary board of the candidate's party, and with all other candidates who might be adversely affected by the contest. In the notice the candidate shall state fully the grounds of the contest.

(c) Any challenge shall be heard by an administrative law judge appointed by the secretary of state. The proceedings shall be conducted and decided in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act as set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 4, Chapter 5. Any such hearing shall be conducted as a contested case hearing.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.